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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to file this response, extending the due date for response to March 11, 2007 which falls on a Sunday extending the due date to March 12, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73985. Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. If additional fees are required, the Commissioner is

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hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 3220-73985.

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.